(a) the number of complaints received by Government regarding adulteration in LPG cylinders/under-weight cylinders during the years 2005 and 2006;

(b) whether Government are contemplating on using computer chips to keep a check on adulteration in LPG cylinders/under-weight cylinders;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme; and

(e) who will bear the expenditure to be incurred on the scheme whether it will be Government/company or the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any complaints regarding adulteration in LPG cylinders in the country during the years 2005 and 2006. However, OMCs have reported 79 and 56 cases of supply of underweight cylinders to consumers by their LPG distributors during the year 2005 and 2006 respectively. Action is taken against the erring distributors by OMCs in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(b) to (e) The proposal to introduce computer chips *i.e.* Radio Frequency Indentification (RFID) system for checking the diversion of domestic cylinder has not been firmed up yet.

One LPG refill in 21 Days

†3610. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of availability of LPG in the country;

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(b) whether any direction has been issued to the distributors in some States including Jharkhand for supplying at the most one cylinder to each consumer in twenty one days;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the basis on which this rule is being implemented by the distributors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government is ensuring that adequate quantity of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is available in the country. LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

(b) No, Sir. Refill supplies of domestic LPG to the registered customers are being made through the LPG distributors appointed by the OMCs as per the genuine requirement of the customers.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

ONGC's corporate social responsibility

†3611. SHRI SURYAKANT ACHARYA:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the details of the works in the nature of corporate social responsibility done in Gujarat by ONGC during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): ONGC has been pursuing its policy on corporate social responsibility (CSR) which lays down focus on the areas of education, healthcare, water management, entrepreneurship, community development, sports and culture etc. The details of the expenditure incurred under CSR in Gujarat is given in Statement (*See* below).

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